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Air Connectivity to Tourist Places
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of such world class tourist places in the country which are not connected by Air;

(b) the number of such airports which are important for tourism indicating the list thereof, State/UT-wise;

(c) the names of such tourist places where air
facilities were available earlier and now these Air services have been suspended;

(d) the date from which such services have been suspended;

(e) whether there is a proposal to start again such services; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (f): As per Summer Schedule (SS)-2016, scheduled domestic flights are available to/from 77 airports of the country, which includes tourist places of different States and Union Territories of the country. State wise air connectivity as per SS - 2016 is at Annexure I.

With repeal of Air Corporation Act in March 1994, the Indian aviation was deregulated. Airlines are free to induct capacity with any aircraft type, free to select whatever markets and network they wish to service and operate. In this regard Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDG) with a view to achieve better connectivity of air transport services of different regions of the country. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of RDGs issued by Government.